



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Rabbani et al.

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For: **COMPOSITION OF MATTER  
COMPRISING PRIMARY NUCLEIC  
ACID COMPONENT**

Group Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: J. Schultz

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**PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office  
Action dated **February 11, 2004** be extended for a period of

☐ 1 month at a fee of ☐ \$110 for a large entity or ☐ \$55 for a small entity

☐ 2 months at a fee of ☐ \$210 for a large entity or ☐ \$420 for a small  
entity

☒ 3 months at a fee of ☐ \$950 for a large entity or ☒ \$475 for a small  
entity

from **May 11, 2004** to **August 11, 2004**. The required fee for the extension is  
estimated to be **\$475**.

No additional claims fees are required.

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$475 to deposit  
account number 05-1135. No other fee is believed due in connection with the

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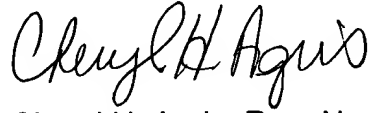
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extension request. If any other fee or fees are due, however, authorization hereby made to charge the amount of any other fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135 or to charge any overpayment thereto.

A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl H. Agris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cheryl" being more prominent.

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